

Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016

In today's Gospel Jesus offers his parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency.

Saturday, February 27, 2016

2:00 p.m. Wedding(St. Mary's) of:
Gabriela Aguilar & Carlos Luis

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Cesar Machado †

Requested by: Horacio & Linda Silva

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)

Intention: Maria A. Pacheco †

Requested by: Jordon & Rosemary Ouse

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Joao Coelho Sr. & all

Deceased family members

Requested by: Vitalina Coelho

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Joe V. Lourenco

Requested by: Children

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Antonio E. Vieira †

Requested by: Wife

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)

Intention: Mary Souza †

Requested by Joe & Judy Souza

Monday, February 29, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

8 a.m. Mass

Intention: Mary Sequeira †

Requested by: Husband

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Manuel & Aurora Roza †

Requested by: Joe & Celina Rocha

Thursday, March 3, 2016

8 a.m. Mass

Intention: Maria C. Rosa †

Requested by: Parish Community

Friday, March 4, 2016

6:00 p.m. Stations & Mass(New Church)

Intention: Bud & Manuel Faria †

Requested by: Belle Faria & Family

**During the season of Lent the Friday
Mass will be celebrated in the evening
after the stations of the cross until
Easter.**

Saturday, March 5, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Manuel M. & Nivia F.

Cardoso †

Requested by: Manuel & Gina Rosa

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)

Intention: For All Those Incribed in
the St. Mary's Memorial Book

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Gurmikh Gill †

Requested by: Fernanda Anderson

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Annabelle Lee Ivey †

Requested by: Parish Community

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intentionof: Antonio & Maria Sousa

"Happy 50th Anniversary"

Requested by: Family

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)

Intention: People of the Parish

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Kaiden Pacheco & Antonio Reis Avila** that they may receive the abundant fruit of God's presence and also for their loved ones that they may receive God's consolation and peace at this difficult time.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Deana Abraham, Priciliano Alejandre, Eliza Alves, Maria F. Amaral, Manuel Andrade, Bob Arieas, Angelica Avelar, Alex, Carroll, Sally and Scott Baggett, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Donna & John Cardoza, Janet Correia, Adelina Costa, Shelly Cunha, Cynthia Dawson, Jose Deniz, Ann DePalma, Jordan Devires, Romero Diaz, Joyce Ebertowski, Manuel & Terry Espinola, Melissa Fitzgerald-Whalen, Elvira Freitas, Jared Germann, John & Sandra Gisla, Alex Gonsalves, Ruby Hernandez, Jose Homen, Loraine Jones, Ricky Jorge, Fran Kowall, Deacon Ed Kull, Andrea Leal, Carrie Lourenco, Steven Lunde II, Antonio Machado, Elmira Machado, Gerald Martin, Ralph & Esther Martinez, Adam Mattos, Fatima Melo, Carmen Mora, Robert Mora Jr., Helen Morris, Jim Nichols, Maria Nunes, Joey Pacheco, Maria Pires, Ray Piro, Riley Rhoads, Isabella Rodrigues, Rob Rosa, Jenó Sanchez, Patrick Shields, Theresa Sherman, Lily Sousa, Amaro Souza, Manuel F. Souza, Sylvia Souza, Judith Teixeira, Rosa Teixeira, John Verissimo, Dave Vieira, Khloe Ann Maria Vieira, Matthew Watkins, David Wood, and Carmen Zorra. *We pray for God's healing power and grace. Please remember if you have an ill family member or friend that you would like to include on our prayer list or even a visit by the priest call the parish office at 667-8961.*

Religious Education News+

CCD Students are selling raffle tickets. 1st Prize is an Ipad Air, there is also cheese boxes, 1large pizza a month for a year from Pizza Plus. Origami Owl Locket with Charm gift cert. Avon Basket, Avon Perfume set and much, much, more. The raffle will be held on Sunday, March 27th after the Easter Egg Hunt.

First Communion parents meeting regarding the banners and first Holy Communion will take place **Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30pm** for parents only.

Cave Quest coming June 6-10. Concluding with Mass on June 12th at 10AM. Mark your calendars and plan now on attending.

It's Time to start thinking about EASTER: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, March 27** after the 10 a.m. Mass. We are in need of plastic filled Easter eggs, and prizes for each age group. Prizes can be large chocolate bunnies, jump ropes, stuffed animals, etc. You can drop off your donations at the Parish Center Mon-Thurs 8-12 & 1-3 p.m. or during CCD class times. **ALSO**, help is needed to set up the field and assist the Easter Bunny in hiding the eggs. Call Dina if you can help.

Confirmation Certificates will be ready for pick up beginning **Tuesday, March 1st.**

We welcome Irma Martinez's 7th grade class to the 10AM Mass. Tyler Abreu, Ashton Amarante, Antony Avila, Bryce Betschart, T.J. Borba, Sarah Cox, Genevie Fontes, Larynn Holland, Adam & Luke Inderbitzen, Sarena Lindo, Grace Rocha & Lillian Silveira,

Our offering collection for
February 20 & 21 \$4,964.00
Last year Feb. 21 & 22 \$4,330.50
Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!
Contributions statements are now available
by calling the parish office.

We Congratulate the newest member of our Catholic Faith Community who is being baptized this weekend: **Colt Kevin Cunha** son of Manuel & Lauralee. We pray that he and their families will continue to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus as they remain close to His church.

Thank you for all of the good work and care you have taken of our church!

A big "thank you" to **Team #3 Ines Vieira, Adelina Enes, Belmida Sousa, Maria Bertao, Madalina Enes, Maria Borges, Jose & Maria Lourenco, Nelda Mendonca, Leonor Rodrigues, & Antonio Barcellos** for making our church shine last week. We appreciate your generosity in sharing your time and talent working hard to make our church a place worthy of our worship.

Our Lenten preparation has begun with the Stations of the Cross....

every Friday 6:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season followed by Mass in the New Church. We will once again be having our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers in the Hall except on **March 11** New Chr. Dinner). We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.
March 4th – Y.L.I.
March 11th New Church Fish Dinner
March 18th –C.P.I.D.E.S.

ALMS GIVING During this season of Lent please remember the less fortunate families of our community by bringing non-perishable food items every Sunday during Lent for our local pantry **Hilmar Helping Hands.**

February 28th - Pasta & Sauce

March 6th -Boxed or Canned Meals

March 13th –Soup.

Of course any and all items are gratefully accepted. Please place all items in barrels at church each Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Celebration of Our New Church we will once again be publishing a **Parish Directory.**

Every participating family will receive one complementary directory as well as an 8x10 photo of their choice. **The following dates are available for pictures:** March 2-4, 22-23 & 29-30. There are still appointments available by going on line <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/holyrosarycatholicchurch/index.php?page=10> or calling the parish office at 667-8961.

Please don't miss this opportunity in this posterity event for the parish. Our *directory will not be complete without you!*

O.L.R. Meeting will take place Friday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Relay 4 Life Yard Sale March 5th beginning at 7 am. at Elim Parking Lot. Family Style BBQ March 10th from 4:30-6:30 Football Field Snack Area for tickets call Mary Xavier 606-7900.

News From Campaign Headquarters

Memorial/Honorary Bricks may still be purchased. For more information or questions, please call the parish office or you may also place your order on line:

www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/holyrosary

Fish Dinner, Dance and Auction on March 11th. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. The delicious menu includes: deep fried marinated tuna, pan fried fish fillet, white and sweet potato, rice pudding, corn and white bread, salad and wine. Drive thru take outs served from 5:00 – 6:30pm and dinner will be served 7:00-9:00pm. Dance will follow until midnight! ***Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend March 5&6 for your convenience.***

Purchasing an Annual Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one or for a special intention is a wonderful way to remember your loved one while supporting the parish and beautifying the sacred space of our church. Your memorial candle by our Lady of the Rosary or St. Joseph's statue will "burn" for one full year in honor of your loved one or your special intention.

A plaque displaying the name of your intention will be mounted in front of each candle. And will remain for one year. The annual offering for each candle is \$250.00.

For further information please pick up a form at the church entrance or call the parish at 667-8961.

Save the Date for Annual Card Party to benefit our New Church, April 3, 2016.

8th Annual Bunco Event for Sunday, April 17th.

For more information contact Nisa Cox 480-5191 or Leonette Andre 604-2830.

Bosom Buddies Meeting will take place Tuesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center. Plan now on attending a special shopping trip to the San Francisco Premium Outlets on Saturday, March 12th. For more info. Contact Barbara Matheron at 656-1961 or 652-4121.